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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Shunji ARAKI, et al.

Appln. No.: 08/934,396

Group Art Unit: 1713

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For: Rubber Composition And Pneumatic Tire Using Said Rubber Composition

## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 5, 1999. A Petition for a three month extension of time is being concurrently filed, making a response due on or before August 5, 1999. Please amend the above identified application as follows:

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add the following new claim below.

--Claim 16. A rubber composition according to claim 1, wherein the rubber composition is obtained by a mixing at a temperature of 150°C or more.--



## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-16 are the claims pending in the application. Support for new claim 16 may be found in the specification as originally filed, for example, at page 21, lines 4-8 and page 9, lines 10-13.